SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT, RAILWAYS.—

		Rs.
A.—(*a*) (1) Tumkur-Sira Railway Survey	...	4,443
(2) Sira-Chitaldrug Railway Survey	...	5,127
Total	...	9,570

(*b*) Because the construction of the line has not been sanctioned yet.

MR. NARANAPPA.—

Will the Government be pleased to state when the work in connection with the opening of a Railway line from Tumkur to Sira will be taken up?

DEWAN.—

Government cannot answer this question, as the project is not ready.

MR. RUDRAPPA.—

If the project is not sanctioned, will the Government stop levying Railway cess?

DEWAN.—

That question does not arise. You are only asking for information which we are prepared to give at the proper time. This is not the time for it as no supplementary question arises in this.

MESSRS. D. S. MALLAPPA (Tiptur) AND G. RAJAGOPALACHAR (Gubbi).—

Q.—**40.** Will the Government be pleased to state:—

(*a*) What is the number of permanent and temporary vacancies that occurred each year from the date of order on the Miller Committee Report till the end of 1924 in the several departments of the State and in the District and Taluk Offices and what are the respective salaries of the said vacancies?

(*b*) How many persons and of what castes were appointed in each year to fill up such vacancies?

(*c*) Out of the temporary appointments, how many were made permanent?

(*d*) In the appointments so made permanent, how many persons and of what castes are represented?

(*e*) What is the number of officers that were entertained by direct recruitment and also by promotion for the posts of Amildars, Assistant Commissioners of all grades, Munsiffs, Magistrates and Probationers in each year till the end of 1924 from the date of order on the Miller Committee Report? How many and of what communities are represented in each?

(*f*) What is the number of Gazetted Officers so appointed or promoted during the above period and of what communites and how many persons in each community have been provided with such appointments? What are the several designations of the appointments given to such persons?

(*g*) How many Sheikdars' appointments were filled up by direct recruitment and also by promotion during the time of every Deputy Commissioner in the above period?

What communities and how many in each have a share in such appointments?

(*h*) During the above period, how many officials were transferred each year from one department to another on the same pay and on an increased pay?

How many were so transferred and from what departments to what other departments?

What are the pay and designations of such officials in the departments they left and in those to which they were taken?

What are the communities to which they belong and how are their vacancies filled up in the departments concerned? How many by direct recruitment and how many by promotions? What are the communities to which the latter belong and what are the communities to which the newly appointed officials belong?

THE CHIEF SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT.—

A.—The compilation of the required information, even if practicable, entails an enormous amount of labour which the Government do not consider necessary to undertake.

Supplementary Questions.

Mr. Mallappa.—

Will the Government be pleased to state whether they consider it unnecessary to furnish the information asked for by me in order to ascertain whether the orders

on the Miller Committee Report are being strictly adhered to by them?

Chief Secretary.—

The answer is already given. In the opinion of Government the collection of the information is unnecessary.

Mr. Mallappa.—

Will the Government be pleased to state whether they consider it a waste of time to ascertain if the money they are spending is being utilised properly? Do they not find sufficient time to answer my questions? How much of expenditure is likely to be incurred if an answer to my question is to be furnished?

Dewan.—

Government cannot answer such questions, which do not deserve to be answered.

Mr. Mallappa.—

Are not such statements prepared in the Recruitment Board?

Dewan.—

They are being prepared, but not in the form in which you have asked. If necessary, they will be supplied in the form in which they are prepared.

Mr. Mallappa.—

Is it not necessary for Government to see whether the orders on the Miller Committee Report are given effect to properly?

Dewan.—

Government are watching.

Mr. Mallappa.—

Was such a question brought before the last session of the Legislative Council?

Dewan.—

You should know that information better.

Mr. Mallappa.—

Is it right on the part of Government not to give definite answers to interpellations?

Dewan.—

These questions cannot be answered. Such questions cannot be asked by responsible members of this House.

Mr. Paramasiviah.—

Government were giving replies to such interpellations regularly before. Why is it that now-a-days such vague replies are given? Is there anything in the new interpellation rules justifying such a procedure?

Dewan.—

Interpellations cannot be used for discussion of policy. They are intended to elicit information as regards facts. You have other opportunities for discussing and criticising the policy of Government.

Mr. Paramasiviah.—

Do not these questions relate to purely matters of fact?

Dewan.—

They are not easily ascertainable.

Mr. Paramasiviah.—

When Government have taken so much trouble to compile the statistics relating to the Railborne trade of the State, is it a difficult task for them to supply this information?

Dewan.—

Government consider that the trouble involved in compiling the information asked for is not necessary.

Mr. Rudrappa.—

Are we to understand that the Government are not willing to answer any interpellations on the Miller Committee Report? If so, we shall not trouble Government any more.

Dewan.—

Any question that can be easily answered can be asked, but you cannot criticise the policy of Government by means of interpellations. Government are not bound to answer every question that is put to them.

Mr. Sanjiviah.—

Are Government aware that such statistics are bein prepared by the Madras and Bombay Governments?

Dewan.—

Government have no information.

MR. G. K. NARAYANA RAO (Gudibanda Sub-Taluk).—

Q.—**41.** Will the Government be pleased to state:—

(1) When is it that the dam across the Kusavati in Gudibanda Sub-Taluk breached?

(2) What area of the wet lands has been lying fallow on this account and what is the extent of loss to Government?

(3) Has an estimate for restoration of this dam been prepared? If so, when?

(4) Why was not the estimate sanctioned?

(5) Is it not profitable to Government to restore the dam?

(6) If so, when is the work likey to be taken up?

SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT, PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT.—

A.—(1) There are 7 or 8 dams (*i.e.*, earthen vaddus) under the Gudibanda Byrasagara Tank across the Kusavati. It is not known which of these vaddus is referred to. No information about the breach of any of these is available. Probably the member refers to the state of disrepair of channels under the Deeparthi Vaddu. The answers given refer to this vaddu.

(2) No information is available on this point. It has been called for and will be furnished.

(3) An estimate amounting to Rs. 16,612 was prepared by the Executive Engineer in December 1922 to restore the channels under the Deeparthi Vaddu, the most important of the earthen dams under the Byrasagara Tank.

(4) In connection with the estimate referred to, the raiyats did not agree to pay any contribution and the present unsatisfactory condition of the irrigation system below this vaddu is considered to be entirely due to the neglect of maintenance on the part of the raiyats. At the same time, as it is considered necessary to carry out repair works to prevent further deterioration, the question is engaging the attention of the Public Works Department and the Revenue department.

(5) The work is not of a remunerative character so far as Government is concerned, as it is not likely to bring additional revenue.

(6) A report will be called for from the Chief Engineer and orders issued in the matter in due course.